Strategy for Africa

...helping Africans help themselves

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Purpose

- **Share with you EUCOM's approach to Africa's stability and security issues**
- **Propose a framework we might use as allies to address Africa's stability and security challenges in a concerted way**

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Our Approach

- **Thucydides stated in *The Peloponnesian War* that:**
  - ***"The strong do what they have the power to do and the weak accept what they have to accept."***
- **This is not EUCOM's approach to Afri**
  - **We want the African Unio accessful**
  - **We want African n be stable and secure**
  - **We want Af be self-sufficient enough to resolve own regional problems and protect their resources**

Where do we begin?

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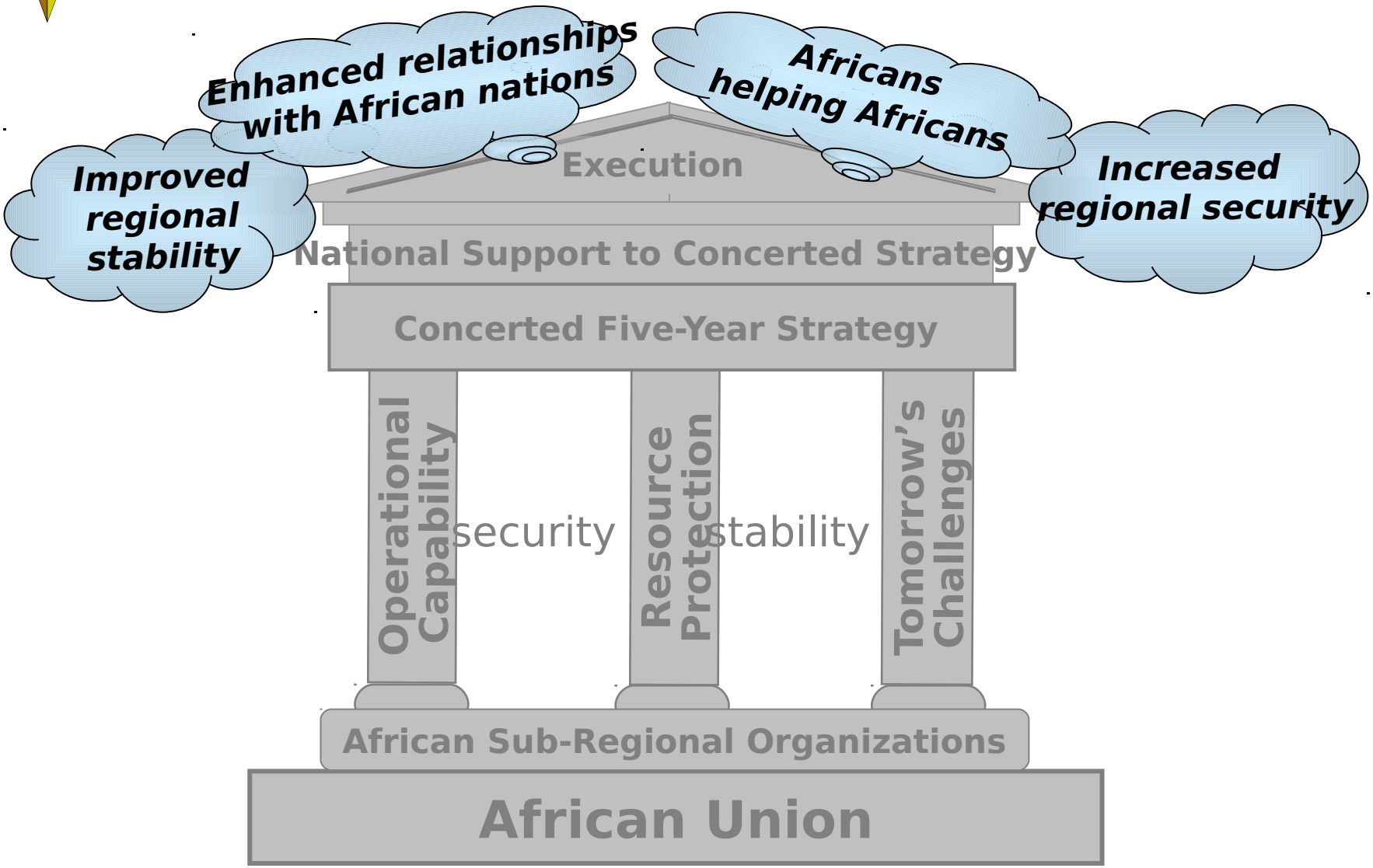
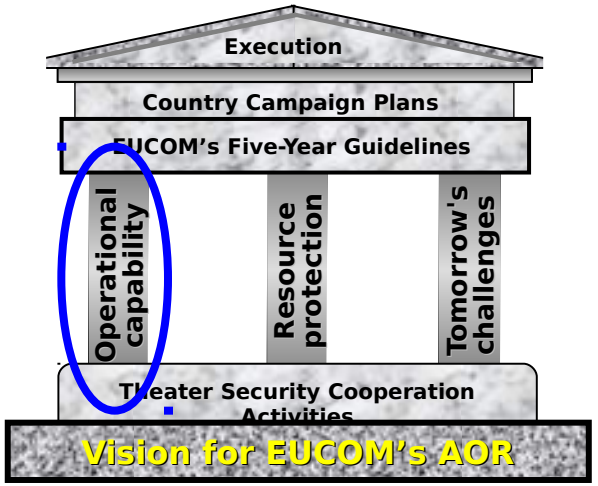


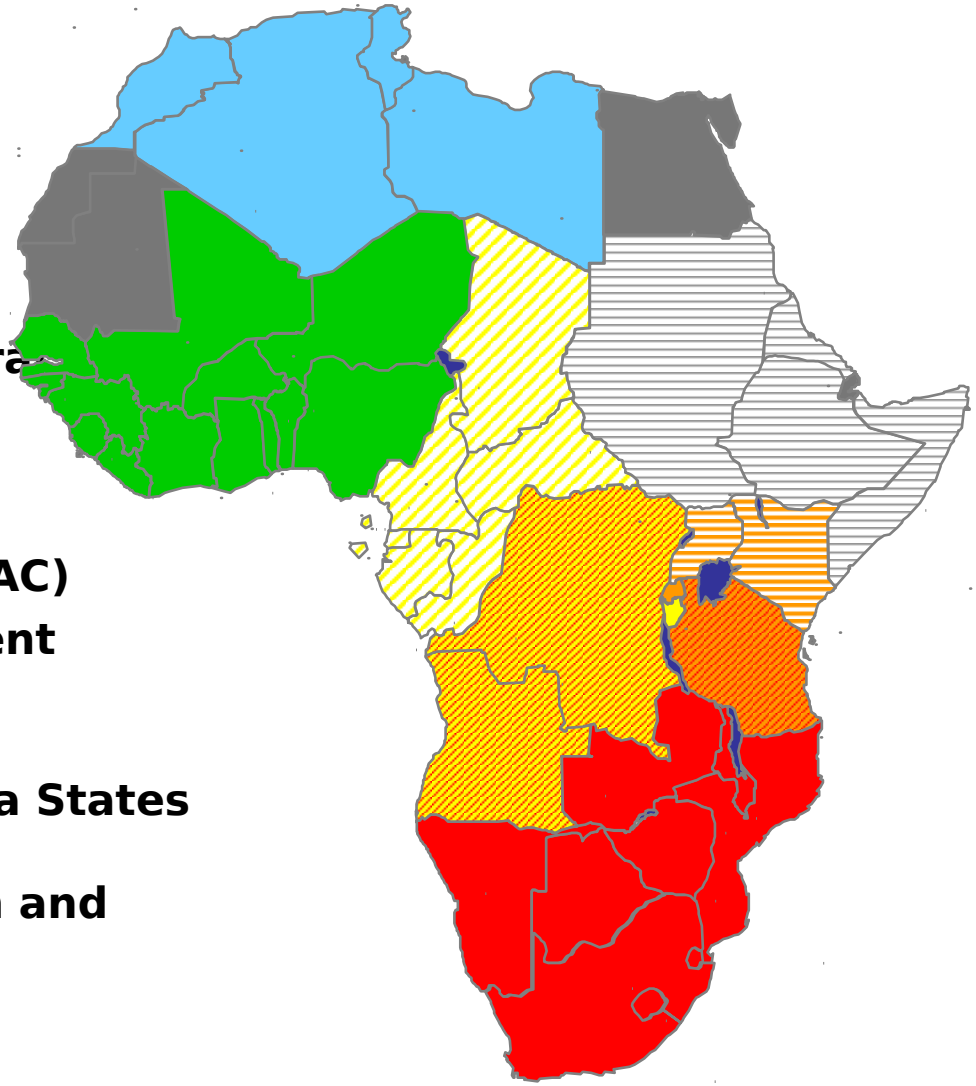
Regional Security

- Increase capability of partner nations to conduct peacekeeping and contingency operations in their regions
  - Counter terrorist activities by helping African nations…
    - Reduce pools of potential recruits
    - Destroy terrorist training and operating bases
    - Interdict transit routes
  - Assist development of Regional Response Forces
    - Focused training, bilateral exercises, leadership development
    - Individual equipment, regional and unit communications



Regional Institutional Alliances

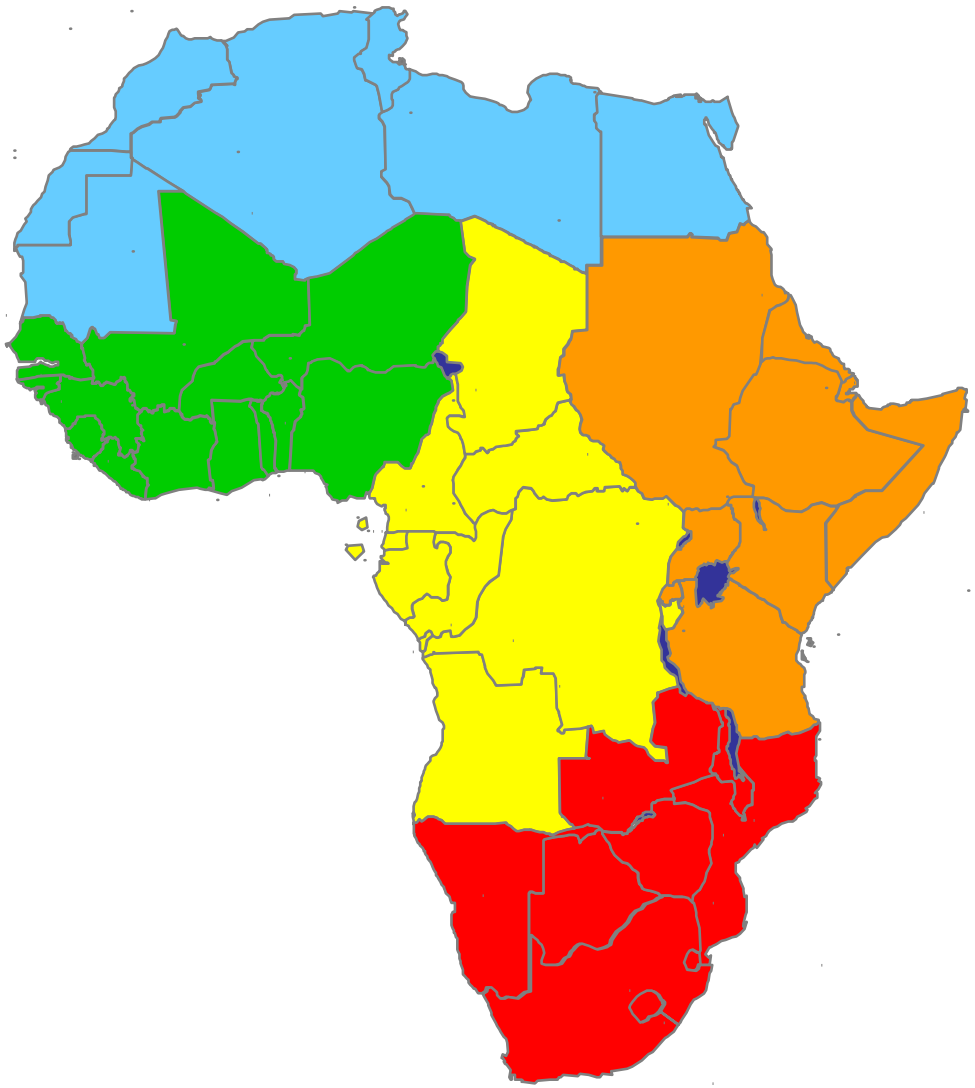
- Arab Maghreb Union (AMU)
- Inter-Governmental Authority on Development (IGAD)
- Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS)
- Economic Community Central African States (CEEAC)
- Economic and Monetary Community of CA States (CEMAC)
- East African Community (EAC)
- Southern Africa Development Community (SADC)



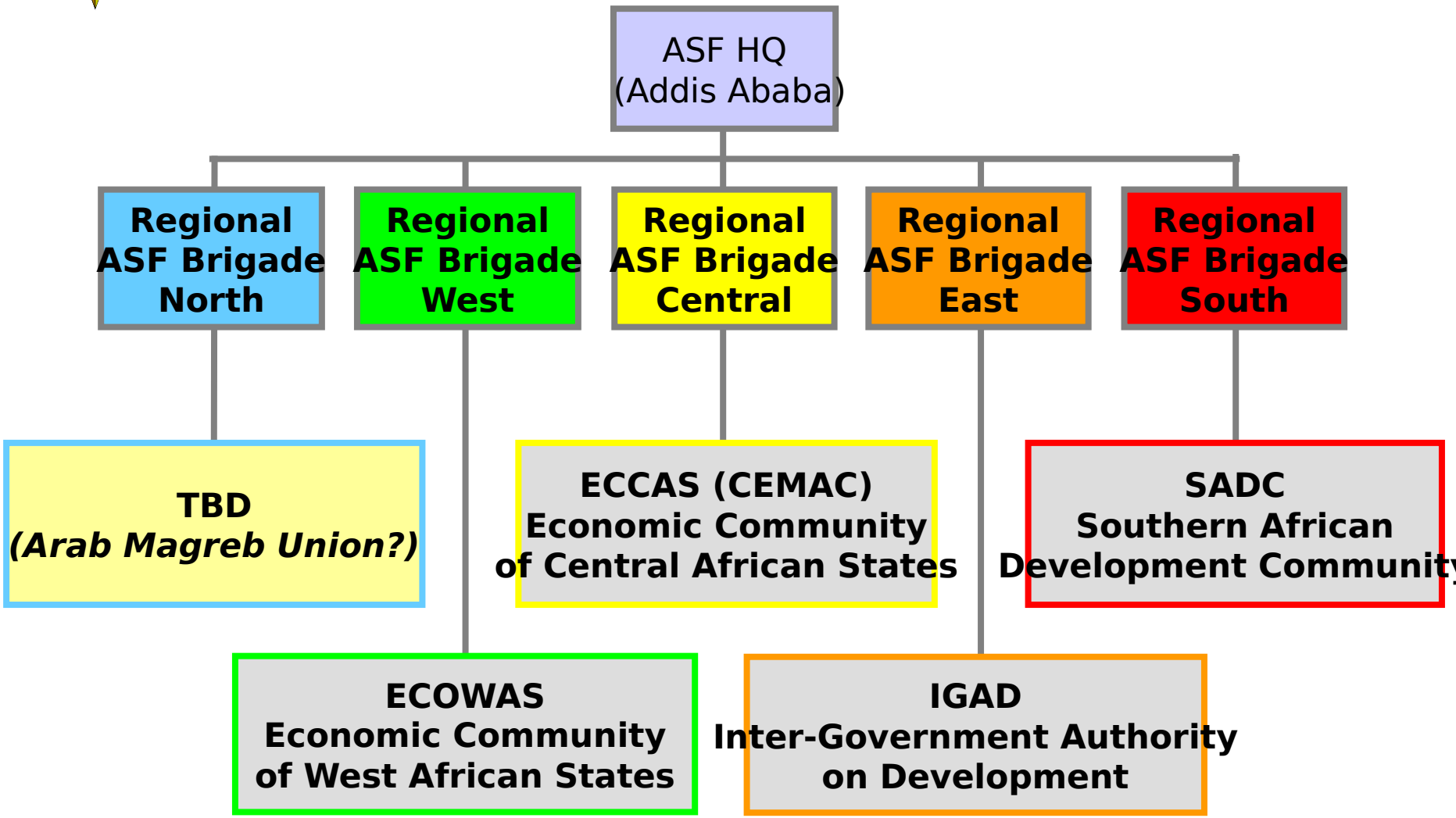
Other organizations

- Community of Sahel-Sahara States (CEN-SAD)
- Common Market of Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA)
- Arab League (AL)
- African Union (AU)

Africa Union Sub-Regions (proposed)



African Union Standby Force



Peace Operations Capabilities

- **Overall objective: Develop means within Africa to support a common African defense and security policy**
- **Required capabilities:**
  - **Plan, execute, and manage peacekeeping missions**
  - **Conduct humanitarian assistance operations**
  - **Achieve rapid reaction and deployment to crises**
- **The way ahead:**
  - **Assist the regions identify and train their brigade-sized response force**
  - **Help establish regional headquarters for these units**
  - **Encourage cooperation between regions by installing comms and conducting training and exercises**

Regional C⁴ Initiative

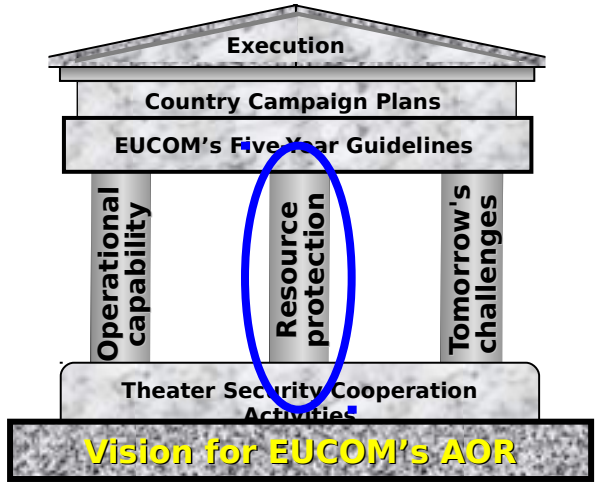
- **Help African Union and the regional headquarters establish connectivity between…**
  - **African Union headquarters and each regional headquarters**
  - **Regional headquarters and each member nation's military HQ**
- **Assist installation of baseline architecture for both unclassified and secure communications**
  - **Consider a CENTRIX-like system for moving messages and operational data (e.g., air tasking orders, logistics plans)**
- **Develop plan to upgrade C⁴ system to meet changing requirements**
  - **"Coalition Chat" software (French, Portuguese, English)**

Regional Mobility Initiative

- **Help Africa develop a long-range plan to improve its indigenous mobility by region**
  - **Work with the AU to develop regional mobility hubs**
    - **Possible pooled aircraft and pilot resources**
    - **Regional maintenance facilities and logistics pipelines**
    - **Cooperative upgrades or "compatible" new equipment purchases**
  - **Work with participating nations to improve the operational capability of their airlift fleets**
- **Help establish an organization to schedule, coordinate, execute, and bill regional airlift missions in support of African Union-approved operations**

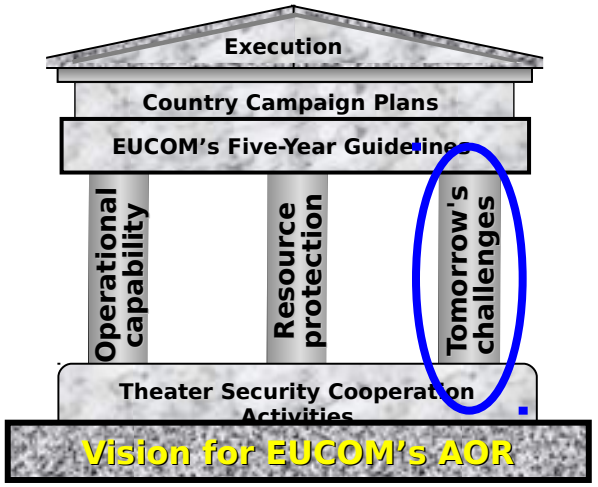
Maritime Security

- Enhance security of national ports and littoral areas
  - Improve Navy and Coast Guard capabilities to patrol coastal waters, detect illegal activities, and conduct hull inspections
- Promote collective and cooperative maritime security beyond the littorals
  - Protect natural resources (e.g., fish and wildlife, minerals, and hydrocarbons)
  - Improve maritime command and control



Regional Stability

- **Strive to keep political, economic, and health problems from becoming strategic and regional stability issues requiring military attention**
  - **Promote good governance (less corruption and more transparency), rule of law, professional military, human rights, democratic principles**
  - **Slow human toll from hunger, malnutrition, AIDS, cholera, malaria, and other illnesses**
    - **Partner with NGOs and PVOs**
    - **Team with industry (e.g., Daimler-Chrysler, Gates Foundation)**



Africa Clearinghouse Initiative

- **Provides multi-lateral forum to exchange information on security assistance and to coordinate cooperative programs for the African continent**
- **Must progress beyond "forum" and operationalize to execute a concerted Africa strategy**
  - **"Executive Committee" can provide strategic guidance**
  - **Sub-committees to support functional areas of execution**
- **We want the same things Africans want—we agree on 90% of the "strategy"**
  - **Coordinating the "execution" is the difficult part**
  - **ACH can fill that niche if we desire to make our support to Africa more effective**

ACH Proposed Structure

- Africa Clearing House Executive Committee
  - Provide strategic guidance
  - Rotational Chair and Co-Chair, permanent secretary
  - Meet semi-annually
  - Colonel or civilian equivalent-level—“Africa” office of MOD
- ACH Sub-Committees (operations, exercises, training, equiping)
  - Coordinate activities in support of strategic guidance
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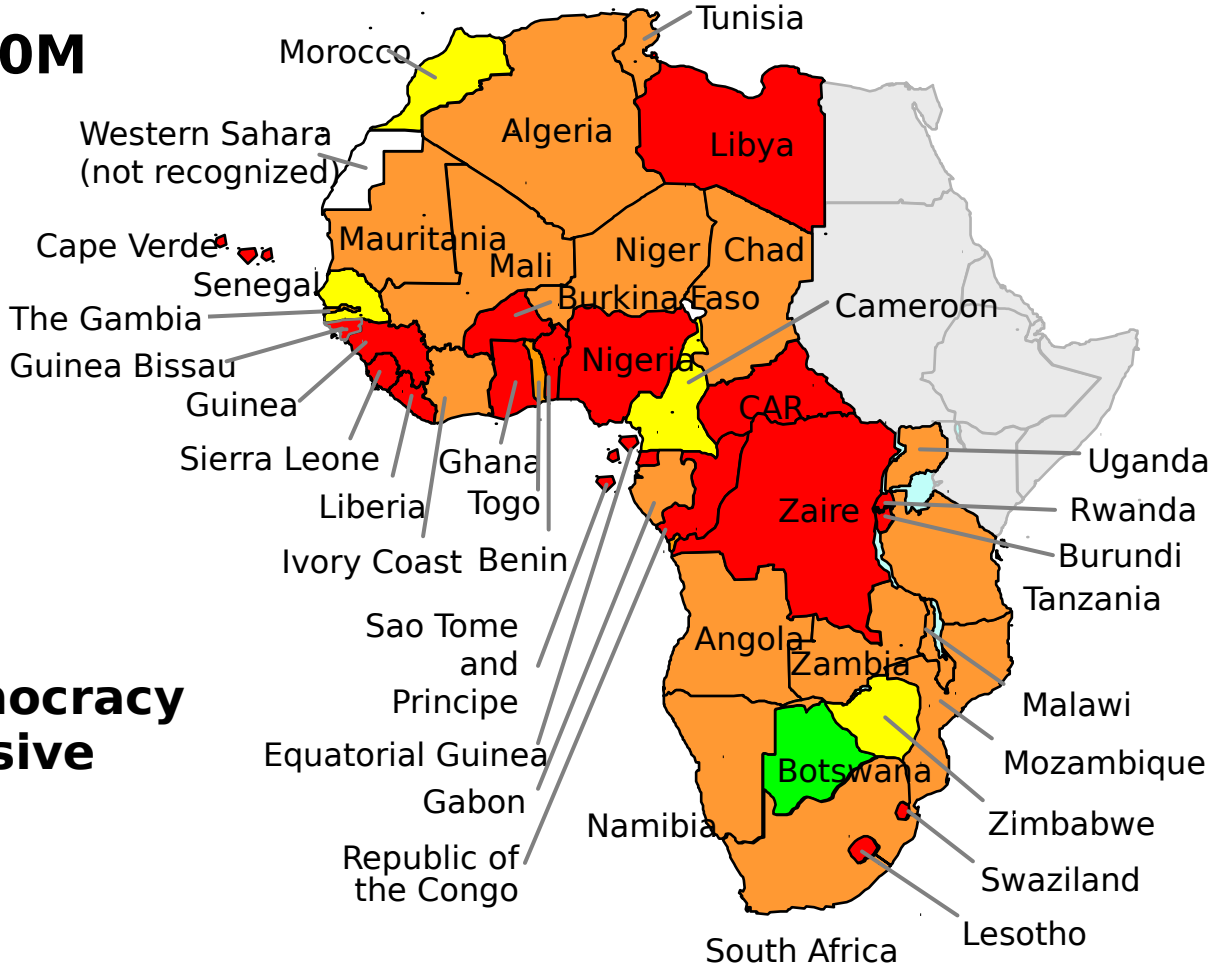
  - Meet more frequently—quarterly
  - Staff officer/working group level
  - Report to Executive Committee semi-annually

1984 Political Map of Africa

- **EUCOM assessment**
- **Population: 540M**



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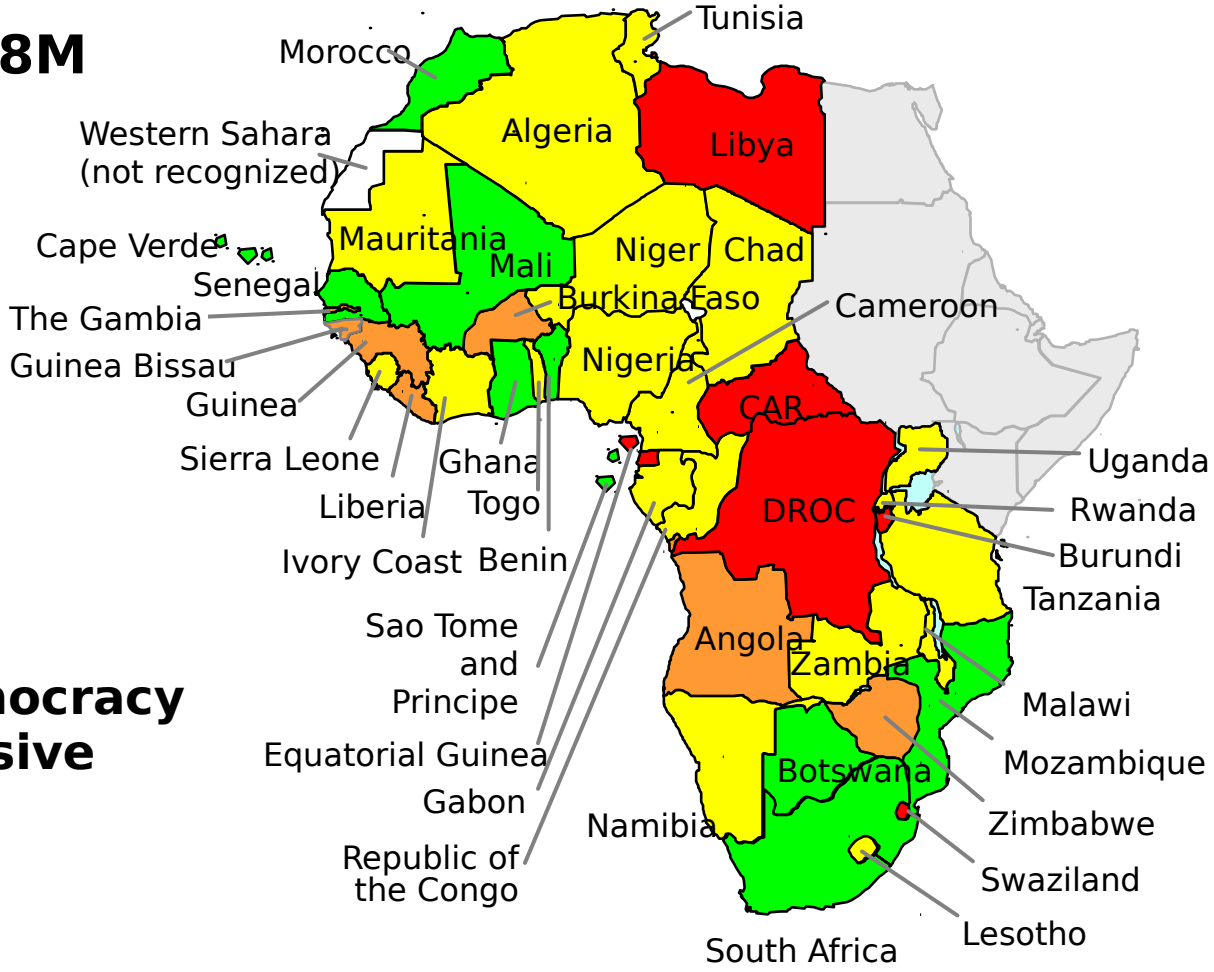

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2024 Political Map of Africa

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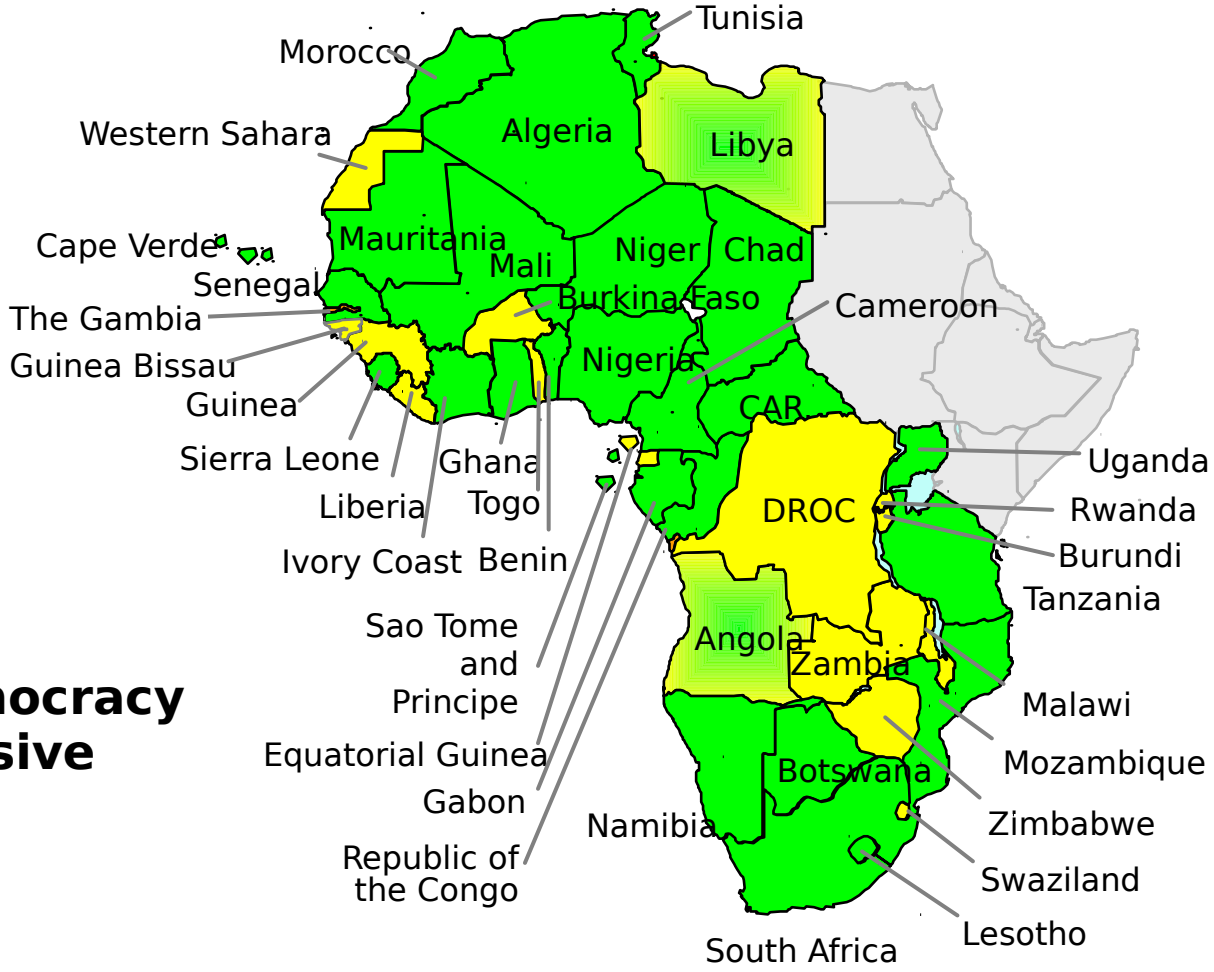
- **Projected population: 1,300M**



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Questions